

Outlook for Modern State Constitution Is Reported Better Than Many Predict

Eugene — "The outlook for a modern Oregon constitution is better than most people would have predicted six months ago," University Law Professor Hans A. Linde, a member of the constitutional revision commission, told newspaper men and women at the 44th annual Oregon Press conference at the University of Oregon recently.

Linde said that "many legislators appreciate the necessity of submitting a new constitution to the voters as a whole, rather than piecemeal, and others are at least open-minded about the proposals now before the legislative committees studying the revised constitution."

"This," he continued, "is largely due to the wide and objective press coverage which the preparation of the new constitution got throughout the work of the commission."

"If Oregon succeeds in adopting a modern constitution by this method of study and deliberation, it will be an accomplishment of national significance — and Oregon's press will deserve much of the credit."

Linde said that action could and should be completed at the present session of the Legislature to submit a revised constitution to the voters. "Or much of the drive for constitutional reform may be dissipated."

"It has taken 12 years to carry the work of revision this far toward success," he pointed out. "Newspaper men know how hard it is to awaken and sustain the wide public attention needed for a fundamental act like the adoption of a new constitution."

"The public has been as well informed as it ever could be that a new state constitution is now before the Legislature. They will expect the right to vote their own choice about a new constitution — if not precisely this draft, then one substantially like it. Failure by the present Legislature to act would withhold that choice from the people until, perhaps, 1966."

"If the Legislature cannot reach agreement to act under the authority given it by the people in 1960, then perhaps it should turn the task back to a constitutional convention, for which the Legislature offered itself as a substitute."

"An equal risk would be the temptation to reach an agreement on the lowest common denominator, throwing out all meaningful provisions in order to submit any document at all to the voters. This could give the public the form of constitutional revision, empty of anything of substance."

"To watch legislative developments for that type of mis-named 'compromising' may well be the most important task of the press with respect to constitutional revision in the weeks immediately ahead," he concluded.

Parliament in Italy Dissolved; Elections Slated

Rome — [AP] — President Antonio Segni dissolved parliament Monday to open the way for new general elections.

Segni met with Premier Amintore Fanfani, who countersigned the dissolution order.

The cabinet convened immediately and set the elections for April 28 and the first meeting of the new parliament for May 16.

The dissolving of parliament was the official starting gun for what is expected to be the bitterest election campaign in Italy since the Communists nearly won control in 1948.

The election will give voters their first chance to say what they think about Fanfani's year-old experiment in center-left government.

He formed an alliance of his Christian Democrats with the Social Democrats and Republicans that provided a working majority in parliament. The Socialists helped keep it in power with their votes, even though they were not actually in the government.

In return, the center-left enacted some legislation—such as nationalization of the electrical industry—for which the Socialists have been clamoring for many years.

The Socialists are basically neutralist but retain some ties with their former Communist allies. The Christian Democrats are a center party, and firmly committed to the Western alliance.



ENGAGEMENT TOLD — Evangelist and Mrs. Billy Graham have announced in Chicago the engagement of their daughter, Virginia Graham, above, to Stephan Tshividjian of Montreux, Switzerland. Graham said the wedding will take place in Switzerland in the spring. (UPI)

The Medical Roundup

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Exophthalmic Goiter

In many ways, the most serious type of goiter is the exophthalmic, in which the eyes of the patient—usually a woman—will first look strange, and later may bulge in a characteristic way. Often the woman has a reddish skin, and she keeps blinking out eyes. She will be very nervous, jittery, restless, tired and irritable. In spite of a good appetite, she is likely to lose much weight.

She will probably perspire excessively, and she may feel so warm that she will kick off the bed clothes at night.

In the doctor's office, she will be restless and perhaps unable to sit still. She may complain of loose bowels and a throbbing heart, with a rapid and often irregular pulse. She will sleep poorly. Her hands may be trembly.

If the doctor asks the family, he may learn that for some time the woman has been irritable and unreasonable and not herself. I generally can recognize such a woman and make the diagnosis the minute she walks into the office, and I am sure of what is wrong the moment I reach out and touch her hand—her skin is as warm as if she had a fever.

Such a woman will be found to have what is called a high metabolic rate. In her big and over-active thyroid gland (goiter, just below the voice box in the front of the neck), she is making too much thyroxin (the thyroid hormone). Because this hormone regulates the speed of the chemical changes in our tissues, the poor woman's body is like a steam engine without a governor—it is racing, and is causing her heart to race.

Measure Oxygen

One way in which to measure the metabolic rate (rate of body chemistry) is to measure the amount of oxygen she uses per minute as she breathes into a special little machine. The test may show that she is using 75 per cent more oxygen than a normal woman of her size and weight and age should use.

Another way in which to find how serious her condition is, is to get an expert chemist to measure the protein-bound iodine (p.b.i.) in the blood. In cases of exophthalmic or other forms of toxic goiter, this figure is higher than normal.

Treatment of the condition can be surgical—with removal of the goiter, or with drugs which will tend to quiet the activity of the gland.

More information about other types of goiters is in Dr. Alvarez' little booklet, "Thyroid Troubles and Goiters." You may obtain a copy of it by sending 25 cents and a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your request for it to Dr. Walter C. Alvarez, Dept. MMT, Box 9J7, Des Moines 4, Iowa.

Study Under Way To Check How Form, Content of Language Influence Thought

Eugene—What do the words you use and the way you put them together reveal about the way you think?

This problem is under study at the University of Oregon in a project headed by Dr. Frederick R. Fosmire, associate professor of psychology, under a grant from the National Institute of Mental Health of the U.S. Public Health Service.

The work has significance both for basic psychological theory and for the diagnostic techniques used by clinical psychologists and psychiatrists.

"There is evidence today that the form and content of our language influence the way we see the world about us, the way we think about things, the way we attempt to solve problems, even the things which we recognize as problems," Dr. Fosmire said.

"We do not know just what features of language have this influence or the extent of the influence. In our research project, we are trying to identify some of the language habits that influence these things," he explained.

Over the past three years, some 600 undergraduate students have been given word association tests once or twice, and about 40 of them have been studied intensively.

In addition, six hospitalized schizophrenic patients and six members of a hospital staff, matched for age, education, and intelligence, have also undergone linguistic tests.

Dr. Fosmire, presently assisted by graduate student Edward Tryk, Eugene, is testing the commonality language habit—whether a person tends to use common words and order them in common ways, or whether he uses rare and individualistic words and uses them in uncommon sequences. Some of their observations are reported in the Feb. 1 issue of the technical journal, Science.

Thus far, no differences in social adjustment have been found between the two groups, but other differences have emerged, Dr. Fosmire said.

Socially Conservative
Those using more common words appear to be more socially conservative, compliant, and docile, as well as more consistent and predictable. These characteristics remain fairly constant over a variety of tasks, including problem solving, stress situations, and others.

"A member of the high-commonality group will approach problems the same way from time to time and from task to task," Dr. Fosmire said. "But the low-commonality person is much more variable and less consistent and predictable. Among different tasks and over periods of time, he will try many different approaches and may even contradict himself."

The researchers have found that most of the common group are achieving, in terms of school grades, at about the expected level, but the uncommon group includes many more underachievers, those who are receiving poorer grades than their intelligence levels indicate they should.

There are more women in the common group than men. There is also some suggestion that linguistic styles are associated with vocational interests, Dr. Fosmire pointed out. For instance, in the high-commonality group, there are many more men majoring in business administration than in the sciences.

Follow Instructions
The common group appears to understand and be willing to follow instructions better than the uncommon group, Dr. Fosmire said, possibly because the uncommon group "interprets the instructions differently and simply does not see what is expected of them."

Dr. Fosmire pointed out that "the high-commonality group tends to have small isolated concept classes in which they emphasize differences rather than similarities—black-white, for instance."

"The low-commonality group appears to have more fluid concepts and is more attracted by similarities or by associated or coordinate re-

sponses—black-dahlia, for instance."

In word association tests, the common group responds with smaller, more repetitious clusters of words which are generally neutral in tone. The uncommon group tends to give large, complexly interrelated clusters of words which have more emotional content.

The contribution of the work to psychological theory is limited at present, since no one has yet devised a method for finding out which is cause and which is effect—whether people think as they do because they talk as they do, or the other way around.

Clinical Diagnosis
The use of the findings in clinical diagnosis is not limited by this factor, however, Dr. Fosmire pointed out. As long as certain associations between language habits and thought patterns can be established, it will help the clinical psychologist and psychiatrist in the diagnosis of psychological disturbances, particularly in the identification of the schizophrenic or pre-schizophrenic person.

It has long been recognized that schizophrenics suffer a loosening of thought associations and develop language patterns that reflect this loosening process. But, Dr. Fosmire pointed out, researchers are able to find people with no trace of psychosis whose language patterns and associations are just as uncommon as those of the schizophrenic.

A part of his project is to try to learn the differences in language content and structure between these two groups.

In an associated study by graduate student Myron J. Moroz, Eugene, it was found that schizophrenic patients are no better able to understand schizophrenic discourse than are normal people.

Theory Exploded
The results seem to explode the widely held theory that schizophrenia represents a regression to an earlier, more primitive level of thought and language, and therefore, it should be easier for schizophrenics to comprehend each other, Dr. Fosmire said.

Dr. Fosmire hopes to be able to do long-term follow-up studies on those students who have been studied intensively, in an attempt to find out how

U. S. Said Behind Guatemala Change

Washington — [AP] — Sen. Thurston Morton (R-Ky.) has publicly revealed what most diplomats here had long suspected — the United States engineered the 1954 overthrow of the Communist regime in Guatemala.

The former GOP national chairman said former President Dwight D. Eisenhower endorsed plans to topple Jacobo Arbenz, Guatemala's Communist president.

The United States has never formally identified itself with the Guatemalan episode of 1954.

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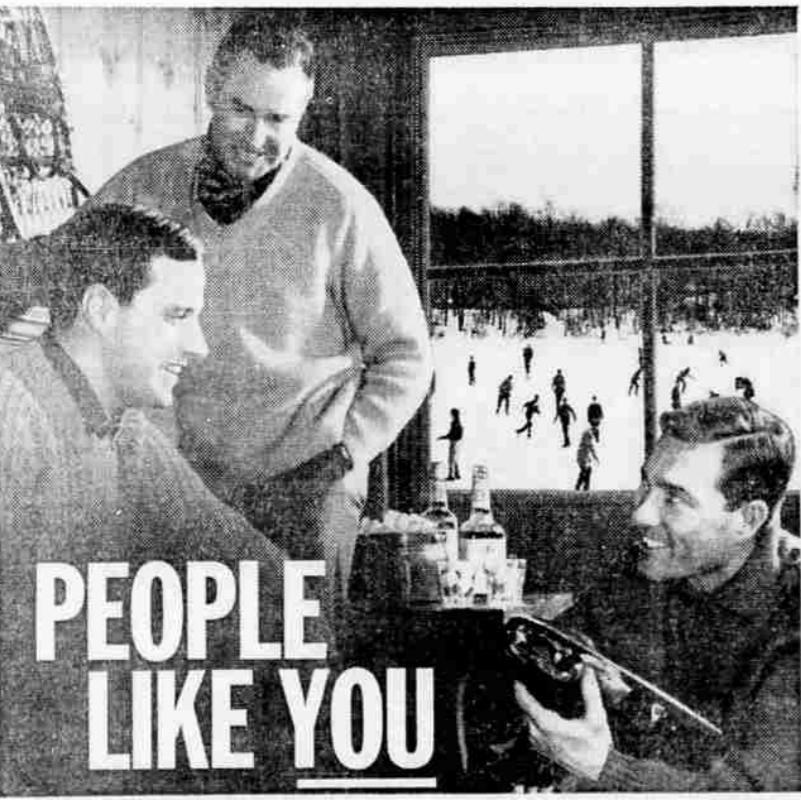
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District Meeting Scheduled by DAV

A district meeting of Disabled American Veterans and auxiliary will be held Sunday, Feb. 24, in Building 224, at the Veterans Administration domiciliary, White City.

Groups attending will represent Grants Pass, Klamath Falls, Roseburg, Oakland and Coquille, in addition to local chapters.

The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. with dinner to be served in the domiciliary canteen.

The auxiliary session will be in the music appreciation room of Building 224. A flag will be placed at the building's entrance for the convenience of DAV personnel who are not familiar with the facility.

St. Patrick's Day Dance Scheduled

Jacksonville — Tickets are now on sale for the St. Patrick's day dance scheduled for Saturday, March 16, at the Jacksonville Community hall by Centennial post, American Legion.

The dance will be held from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. with the music to be furnished by a group of American Legion musicians.

Tickets are available from any post member, it was stated. Food will be served at the snack bar during the dance, with full meals also available.

Soviet Government To Move to Suburbs

London — [AP] — The center of the Soviet government will be moved from the Kremlin to the Moscow suburb of Cherepukhino, according to the Sunday Times.

It said Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev has ordered a new government center to be built to modernize administrative methods. The 700-year-old Kremlin will be preserved as a museum, the newspaper said.

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